

DEATHS IN NURSERY CAUSE 2 ARRESTS

Condition of Institution and
Inmates Shocks Yonkers
Investigators.

BABIES WERE STARVED

Women Who Had Charge of
Walls May Face Homicide
Accusation.

Deaths of four children within a month in the Day Nursery of Divine Providence, 76 Locust Hill avenue, Yonkers, started an investigation of the institution which culminated yesterday in the arrest of the two women who operated the institution and in the removal of the seventeen inmate children, one of them half starved, to other shelters.

Filth and ignorance are charged against the women. Technically they are held on the accusation of failing to provide medical attendance for sick children. Charles H. Warner, superintendent of the Westchester Children's Society, says he will ask their indictment on charges of homicide.

Children, most of them nameless waifs, were sent to the place by Bellevue, the Department of Charities and Correction and by other agencies. Why inspectors for New York city or for the other agencies concerned did not discover the shocking conditions at the private institution is not explained.

Two Women Arrested.
The women arrested are Miss Annie Murphy, 33, and Miss Bridget O'Flaherty, 27. They were arraigned before William A. Walsh, City Judge of Yonkers, and held in \$500 bail. Mr. Warner and Harry J. Cook, an agent of the society, were the complainants.

Of the seventeen children who were removed to-day from the nursery eight were taken to hospitals, two are held in the shelter of the Westchester County Children's Society at 111 Warburton avenue, Yonkers, and seven were sent to the shelter of the New York Children's Society for transfer to parents when fully identified.

According to Mr. Warner children sent to the nursery, which occupied a large mansion in the midst of one of the most exclusive residential sections of the city, were neglected to the last degree. The filth in which they existed was indescribable, he says. The women in charge kept records of the most fragmentary kind. One child first included among those sick in the nursery yesterday was identified among the dead.

Children on Death List.
Children recorded as having died during the past twenty-two days are:

Robert Peterson, aged 2, of 443 West Forty-third street, New York city, died October 25.

Thomas Kearney, pedigree unknown, nine weeks old, died October 20 at nursery.

Robert Keenan, pedigree unknown, died in St. Joseph's Hospital, no date given.

Machlin, infant boy, no facts given.

The Children's Society was unable to identify the children through the records of the Yonkers Health Department yesterday, because that office closed at noon.

The death of the Peterson boy provides one specific instance on which an indictment for homicide will be sought.

The boy, with his brother, Arthur, aged 5, was sent to the nursery by the social service department of Bellevue. His mother is now a patient in confinement at that hospital. October 22 Mr. Cook went to the nursery to investigate a complaint transmitted by the Children's Society of The Bronx.

"Cook found the Peterson boy in the yard shaking like a leaf and very ill," said Mr. Warner. "He told Miss Murphy to put the child to bed. She said he was not sick and would soon be all right. Shortly after the Peterson boy was found dead in bed. We caused an autopsy to be performed to-day by Dr. P. S. McCormack. He gave the cause of death as pneumonia. Our investigation has been hampered by the incomplete records, but we decided to close the nursery and lay a complaint against the women."

More Fatalities Sought.
Mr. Warner said that he had no means of determining how many children had died at the nursery in the eighteen months it had been conducted by the

two women, but would begin an examination of the Yonkers Health Department records Monday. The children removed from the nursery to-day to local hospitals were the following:

Reta Collins, 3 months old, of New York city.

Sylvia D. Huls, 2 weeks old, 552 West Forty-second street, New York city.

Vincent Hammond, 4 months old, 148 Fairview avenue, Yonkers.

William Barry, aged 2 years, of New York city.

Robert, aged 2½ years.

Jane Doe No. 1.

Jane Doe No. 2.

Jane Doe No. 3.

The children listed as Jane Doe were sent to the nursery by the Catholic Protective Society of 122 Waverly place.

Children were committed to the nursery by a number of social work agencies, including the city's Charities Department.

The sum of \$10 and \$15 a month was paid for their maintenance by the committing agency, and the Murphy and O'Flaherty women operated the place for their own profit, according to Mr. Warner.

Baby Found Starving.
The children in the hospitals were moved after Dr. McCormack had examined William Barry and gave an opinion that the child was critically ill from starvation.

The investigation was begun by the Children's Society after a complaint had been transmitted through the Bronx society from Mrs. Margaret Mills of 767 East 135th street, New York, aunt of five Barry children in the nursery. Mrs. Mills had received a letter from Helen Barry, aged 19, said Mr. Warner, in which Helen had complained that the children were starved and beaten.

Mr. Warner said that when he visited the nursery Friday he found four children sick in bed.

"We secured the names of the first two," he said, "but when we arrived at the third Miss Murphy could not at first recall the child's name. Later she said the baby was Thomas Kearney, four weeks old. Looking in the record book of the nursery I found that there was a Thomas Kearney, four weeks old, listed. Opposite the name had been written the fact that Thomas Kearney had died October 20. We asked Miss Murphy to explain, and she admitted that the Kearney child was dead. She did not know the name of the baby she had first declared was the Kearney child."

Mr. Warner said he questioned Miss Murphy as to whether there was a thermometer in the nursery. "After first answering in the negative," said Mr. Warner, "she went up stairs and finally returned with one. I asked her to read it for me. She finally admitted that she couldn't and that she had not been taking the temperatures of the children at the nursery."

The two women obtained the bail fixed by Judge Walsh yesterday and were released.

**GEORGE BARTHELME
ORDERED DEPORTED**

**Pacific Journalist to Be Sent
Back to Kaiser.**

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—In pursuance of a policy of action against enemy agents who seek to embarrass the Government by spreading premature peace propaganda, the United States has ordered Dr. George Barthelme, former Washington correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, deported to Germany. He will leave on the Scandinavian liner Bergenfjord as soon as the ship is ready to sail. Dr. Barthelme left Wichita, Kan., where he had been under surveillance, last Wednesday.

Dr. Barthelme was sent to Wichita from Washington some time ago when it became apparent to officials here that he had abandoned his passive attitude toward war questions in favor of outspoken endorsement of peace propaganda. He was arrested at Wichita because he was found roaming about in a prohibited area and no word had reached the Kansas authorities from the Department of Justice as to his status.

At the time of his arrest a trunk was found in his possession which he had attempted to ship to a German friend. Examination of the contents showed a mass of German peace propaganda with a letter from a former member of Congress and speeches of Senator La Follette, with extracts carefully marked.

Dr. Barthelme was practically invited to return to Germany by Counselor Polk of the State Department at the time Count von Bernstorff and his party left last February. He was permitted to remain in the United States at his own request.

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